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Christian Home Programs To Be Broadcast

Atlanta, April 16 — "These Bonds of Love," a series of six transcribed dramas on the Christian home, will be broadcast by 7 radio stations in Mississippi during Christian Home Week, May 2-9. The stations carrying the series are:

WQBC, Vicksburg 8:30 a. m. Mon. thru Saturday.

WCMA, Corinth 11:45 a. m. Sunday. 2:45 p. m. Monday thru Friday.

(Consult your local paper for time of broadcasts over following stations:

WGCM, Gulfport.

WFOR, Hattiesburg.

WAML, Laurel.

WROB, West Point.

WAZF, Yazoo City.

Produced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., S. F. Lowe, Director, the series brings into focus the vital issues of modern home life, interpreted in the light of Christian principles. The titles include: "Are You in Love?", "What God Hath Joined," "Stewards and Partners," "Makes Haste to Live," "Home Fires, Burning," and "Children Are Human."

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The Loyal Alerted

J. M. Dawson, Baptist Public Relations Washington, D. C.

Without stopping to debate, pro or con, the advisability of the proposed act of Congress to set up \$300,000,000 annually in Federal Aid of Schools in the United States, I wish to advise of a situation in Washington which calls for energetic action in support of the historic principle of separation of church and state, upon which doctrine our country has staked its very existence.

The Congressional enactment of this proposed measure has already progressed to the point of Senate passage of the Taft bill (S.472). True, according to Senator Taft, the major peril to the American principle of separation has been obviated by the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the McCollum case which would eliminate any possible direct aid for sectarian purposes.

Senator Donnell offered an amendment, which would have made "unmistakably explicit" that none of the Federal funds should be disbursed in support or benefit of non-public schools.

It is significant, that the Catholics vigorously opposed Senator Donnell's amendment, and through Senator McMahon of Connecticut presented an Amendment which would set aside \$5,000,000 annually for taking care of such public welfare services. While their Amendment was decisively defeated, in the interest of "home rule," or leaving up to several states the disposition of the funds in keeping with such states' constitutions, the Catholics evidently mean to retain ultimate provision for tax-paid bus transportation.

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Condensed Report of Committee on Church Organization Seven Recommendations Made

Re-appointed for further study after its report of progress at the St. Louis Convention, the Committee on Church Organizations pursued intensive and extensive investigation to discover actual problems and needs of the churches in the matter of better correlation and coordination of the purposes, programs and activities of the several organizations which make up in large measure the working forces of our churches.

Meetings with representatives of the Sunday School, the Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board were held on several occasions during the year. The results were significant and fruitful.

Out of these joint conferences came a list of felt needs, which were discussed at length. The Committee made certain recommendations for consideration by the agencies, first in separate groups, then in combined group poses, programs, and activities of the conferences. Among a number of matters needing consideration, the following were then lifted out for special recommendation to the Convention, condensed to brief statement:

1. The setting up of patterns of organization which will take into account the varying sizes of churches; these suggested plans to be incorporated in printed "guides" for pastors and leaders which will seek to bring each church according to its needs and abilities all the essential values of our Baptist program.

2. The devising as soon as practicable of a balanced study course program,

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NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY TO GRADUATE EIGHTY-SIX

COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MAY 3-4

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



DR. W. E. GREEN

Protest Sending of Wine, Tobacco To Europe Under ERP

PORTLAND, Ore. —(RNS)— A resolution protesting sending of tobacco and wine abroad under the European Recovery Program was adopted by the Oregon presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church.

The presbytery specifically decried inclusion in the Marshall Plan of "142,000,000 gallons of American wine and nearly \$1,000,000,000 of tobacco to go to Europe."

Climaxing thirty years of service, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will graduate 86 students at its thirtieth annual commencement exercises to be held on May 4 at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Roland C. Leavell, president, announces an elaborate service to celebrate the occasion. Featuring the program will be Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas who will deliver the Baccalaureate address. Dr. W. E. Green, president of Clarke Memorial Baptist College, Newton, Mississippi will deliver the annual Alumni address in Managan Chapel on May 3. Other features include a reception for the graduating class and the traditional antiphonal singing on the night of graduation.

Mississippi students graduating this year include: Thomas Stockton Messer, Hattiesburg; Charles Marcus Alexander, Jayess; Carl Hugh Barrett; Hiram Dudley Booth, Mt. Olive; Harold Cottingham Clower, Crystal Springs; James Glen Flynt, Terry; Percy F. Herring, Vaiden; John Tillman Holston, Lumberton; Curtis E. James, Puckett; Clifton Odell Lindsey, Jackson; Robert Evan McDonald, Wesson; Lewis Elliott Rhodes, Norfield; William D. Stogner, Tylertown; Joseph Wilbur Hndson, Bassfield; Charles H. Melton, Burnsville; J. K. Moore, Prentiss; Estelle Ellington, Sallis; Mrs. Verdie Newton Lindsey, Jackson; Nelson F. Davis, Tylertown.

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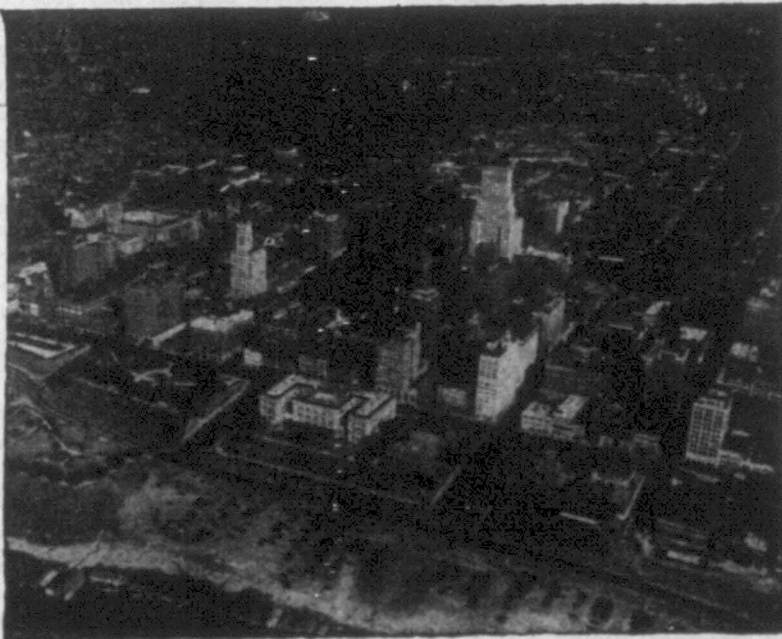
AID OF CHURCHES SOUGHT FOR NEGRO CENTER

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— Dr. Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has written pastors of all Convention churches urging their cooperation in the sale of Booker T. Washington Memorial half dollars.

Dr. Newton cites in his letter a resolution adopted recently by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee endorsing the establishment of the Booker Washington Memorial in Virginia "to perpetuate the ideals and teachings" of the Negro educator.

The Memorial will serve as headquarters for a national program of trade and industrial training for Negroes of low educational status. It is being financed by sale of the memorial half-dollar for \$1, the premium going into the Memorial.

"It is my opinion that giving support to this program will not only be an evidence of Christian charity but it will be a means of building interracial good will," Dr. Newton wrote in the letter addressed to 25,500 Baptist ministers.



SKYLINE OF MEMPHIS: Memphis on the Mississippi, gate-way to the Mid-South and the heart of Dixieland, is host city to the Southern Baptist Convention this year — May 19-23. It is the sixth time that Memphis has entertained the general Southern Baptist group, and there is no count of the dozens of times that various groups within the Convention have gone to Memphis for their meetings. Previous Southern Baptist Convention meetings in Memphis were in 1867, 1889, 1925, 1929, and 1935.

CONDENSED REPORT OF (Continued from Page One)

cumulative and unified, with interchange of comparable credits.

3. The correlation before publication of plans and calendars of activities, wherever feasible, so as to avoid unnecessary meetings of churches and associations, combining meetings if possible and seeking improvement of quality and fruitfulness of those held.

4. The formulation of a flexible plan of stewardship financing, adapted to the needs of the varied churches, this uniform scriptural plan to be promoted by all the agencies.

5. The holding of definite conference or conferences by representatives of the several Convention agencies and auxiliaries with the Committee on Church Organizations during the ensuing year for further consideration of these and similar problems; the recommendations above to be considered and so far as possible carried out consultatively; report of results to be made to the 1949 meeting; the Committee on Church Organizations, by request of the agencies represented in the last joint meeting, to be continued for further study and conference.

The report is signed by the following committee members: Dr. Norman Cox; Mrs. A. F. Crittendon; Mrs. Paul Etheridge; Claud Gabby; Dr. J. C. Hughes; Rev. John W. Hughston; Dr. Walter Johnson; Ernest Loessner; Earl Mead; Rev. Robert Naylor; Rev. E. V. Peyton; Dr. Carlton Prickett; Melvin Roberts, (Miss.) Dr. A. E. Tibbs; Dr. G. S. Dobbins, chairman; J. M. Price, secretary.

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THE LOYAL ALERTED

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tion for parochial schools, if at all possible.

Federal Aid has yet to pass the House of Representatives. No date on the calendar has been set to bring the McCowan Bill (H. R. 2953) upon the floor for consideration. It is generally believed, that there is strong prospect of its early consideration and probable passage. All those who are loyal to the American principle of separation of church and state should at once write or wire their representatives in Congress to insist on an amendment modeled after Senator Donnell's, which will protect the principle beyond any possible violation. This Amendment would in no way infringe upon states' right, because the bill recites at the beginning and repeats throughout that the funds are expressly intended for public elementary schools. By holding strictly to this intention there is no more dictation to the states in this case than there would be in case of any other specific appropriation for a given purpose, as highways or post offices.

Will you not endeavor to mobilize your community, at least to acquaint everybody with the true situation? Write to our office, 1628 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. for free copies of two speeches, delivered by Senator Donnell, giving full, documented information about the whole matter.

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STEWART LEAVES ZION HILL ACCEPTS ROCKY CREEK

The people of the Sunrise Community and Zion Hill Church regret the resignation of their Pastor, the Rev. J. B. Stewart, who is leaving to accept the pastorate of Rocky Creek Church, George County.

Rev. and Mrs. Stewart have been at Zion Hill for almost two years and have been a great blessing. The Church has grown in strength and grace under their leadership.

CLARKE STUDENTS PRESENT PLAY



The Sophomore class of Clarke College, Newton, Miss., presented as the spring program the play, "The Girl from Missouri," in the college chapel with Richard J. Sweetman of Paterson, N. J., as director of the production committee.

Miss Frances Browning of Starkville and Mrs. Frances Townsend of Itta Bena provided music during the evening. The cast, shown in the picture above are, left to right, standing: Kenneth Collums of Houlika; Estelle Baucum of Gulfport; Clyde Davis of Union; J. L. Reeves of Pascagoula and Thelma Johnson of Lena;

Left to right, sitting: Ava Dee Lewis of Forest and Morton; Charles Godbold of Eddiceton; Genevieve Turner of Citronelle, Ala.; Bernice Irby of Morton and Forest; Jaunita Johnston of Mobile, Ala.; Oliver Laddner of Pascagoula, and Betty Lofton of Auburn.

Others helping in the production were: John Jacobs of Canton, Ohio; Vernard Utley of West Monroe, La.; Jean Holley of Boonesville; Winkie Jackson of Mobile, Ala.; Bessie Grierson of Pascagoula; Ada Pearl Plymale of Fort Gay, W. Virginia; Billy Greene of Mobile, Ala.; Allen Johnson of Mize; Robert Lowery of Flora and Bill Dossett of Whistler, Ala.

The crowd attending was large and enthusiastic, as the amateur dramatic presentations are always popular at Clarke College.

New Prospect Church Enjoys Youth Week

The week of April 11 - 18 was a very enjoyable and eventful week at New Prospect Church, Lincoln County.

The entire personnel of the church was taken over by the young people. The following were the leaders for the week: pastor, Earl Foster; associate pastor, Donald Smith; Sunday School superintendent, A. W. Smith; Training Union director, Juanita Wooten; Sunday School secretary, Bobbie Pauver; Ladies' Bible teacher, Mrs. Shelton Thurman; Young People's teacher, Mrs. G. B. Smith; Intermediate teacher, Shelton Thurman; Junior girls teacher, Joy Day; Junior boys teacher, Mrs. J. M. Foster; primary teacher, Bettye Day; Beginner teacher, Ailene Thurman; Superintendent cradle roll, Evelyn Jackson, choir director, Lamar Smith, Sunday School and Training Union song leader, Ellen Porter; Church pianist, Mrs. Stewart Day; Sunday School and B. T. U. pianist, Emma Jean Fauver; Special Feature Directors; Dorothy Ann Watts and Patty Watts; Fellowship Director, Archie Smith; Leader for prayer meeting, Wayne Wood; W. M. U. president, Geraldine Foote; Church clerk, Ferrell Smith; Church treasurer, T. A. Oliver; Deacons, Daniel Wooten, Edwin Jackson, Roland Watts, G. B. Smith, Earl Smith, Glenn Dunn, Robert Smith, and T. J. Smith; Director of Special music, Mrs. Stewart Day; Intermediate Training Union leader, Mrs. Pat Porter; Junior Training Union leader, Mrs. Ed Lambright; Story Hour leaders, Vergie Oliver, Ruth Smith; Church reporter, Nellie Oliver; Special chorus, Mary Kathryn Watts, Olive Ann Watts, Katie Lou Lofton, Beulah Adams, Lamar Smith, Donald Smith. Rev. Frank L. Coker is pastor.

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U. S. Mormons now report 1,016,170 members. At the 118th general conference in Salt Lake City, members were warned against the construction of cathedrals when ward chapels would suffice.

Faculty members in many of China's Christian colleges are having to use all their savings and sell their property in order to exist on present salaries. Because of inflation, many of the professors earn less than coolie richsha boys.

Belhaven BSU Elects New Officers

The BSU officers for next year have been elected on the Belhaven Campus. They are as follows:

President, Gene Howell, Lulu; 1st vice president, Martha Carolyn Wells, New Hebron; 2nd vice president, Betty McDonnell, Summerland; 3rd vice president, Patsy McCoy, Jackson; Secretary, Margaret Hood, Belzoni; treasurer, Martha Ann Campbell, Jackson; BTU president, Bobbie Dickson, Brandon; Sunday School representative, Mary Belle Boyd, McComb; Y. W. A. representative, Laura Breland, Brooklyn; talent chairman, Mary Ellen Crossland, Jackson; publicity chairman, Charlene Applewhite, Benton; Baptist Student Magazine representative, Kathryn Wright Pascagoula.

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MACON CHURCH HAS REVIVAL

Macon Church has recently closed a series of revival services with Dr. S. W. Woodson, pastor of Columbus First Church, leading the services and Rev. R. J. Sweetman, Clarke College student, conducting the music program.

Every service was well attended. There were 3 additions to the church during the week. Rev. R. D. Pearson is pastor.

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IMPROVEMENTS STARTED AT CLARKE COLLEGE

The first evidences of the permanent improvement program at Clarke Memorial College were seen this week as 1,750 feet of 8 inch sewer line were laid by Frank Ross, contractor, of Laurel. Pierson and Walker, Designers and Engineers, of Laurel are the supervisors of the improvements to the campus.

This line is to supply sewer service for the proposed Girls Dormitory, the Dining Hall-Activities Building, and about twenty student and faculty apartments and houses. Fifteen of these apartments already exist without adequate sewerage facilities.

ZION HILL TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING DAY MAY 2

May 2 will be "Homecoming Day" at the Zion Hill Church located in the Sunrise Community. There will be Sunday School at ten o'clock and preaching at eleven by Pastor J. B. Stewart. Dinner will be served on the grounds and in the afternoon there will be a song service led by Harold Blakney with the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, quartet and Miss, Woman's College Octett taking part. Rev. John E. Barnes of Main St. Church will deliver the afternoon message.

This will be Rev. Stewart's last service with the church, as he has accepted the pastorate at Rocky Creek Church, George County.

The Homecoming Service is being planned in connection with the building of a new church. All former members of the church and community are cordially invited to be present. An offering will be taken towards the financing of the church building.

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Joyce Bolton To Be Crowned May Queen At Blue Mountain

Exercises To Be Held May 1

Joyce Bolton, Henderson, Tenn., will be crowned Queen of the May at Blue Mountain College May 1, and Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn., will be maid of honor. Little Carolyn Anderson of Ripley will be the flower girl and Anthony Nelson Bolton of Henderson, Tenn., the crownbearer. The queen's court will consist of Louise Oliver, Kosciusko; Gladys Allen, Louisville; Helen Gooch, Memphis, Tenn.; Carolene Gardner, Kirksville, Mo.; Emory Jean Little, Lambert; Margery Smith, Union; Mary Eleanor Brad-dock, Ripley; Jeanne Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; Ann Overstreet, Jackson; Myra Holland, Slate Springs; Betty Jean Weeks, Crystal Springs; and Helen Deupree, Memphis, Tenn.

Betty McClure, Tupelo, will give a Robin Hood solo dance, and Janice Crull, Greenwood, will perform the Maid Mirian dance. Artists who will perform in the Merrie Men dance are: Virginia Mar-bury, New Albany; Charla Walters, Laurel; Bobbe Carr, Summer; Dorothy Sheely, Gadsden, Ala.; Shirley Williams, Columbus, Ohio; and Ann Nelson Patrick, Corinth. The dance of the Court Jesters will be done by: Rebecca Lanier, Shawmut, Ala.; Myrle Hill, Sumter, S. C.; and Mary Anne Boland, Tralake. The court dance will be rendered by: Eleanor Heard, West Frankfort, Ill.; Dorothy Lambdin, Knoxville, Tenn.; Ruth Pitts, Pontotoc; Frances Cox, Salsbury, Tenn.; Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City, Janet Washburne, Delhi, La.; Helen Keyes Brewer, Greenwood; and Lottie McKenzie, Greenwood. The dancers in the lad and lassies, may pole and folk dances, will be: Jessie Jean Jeffers, Tyler, Tex.; Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; Angela Branyan, Memphis, Tenn.; Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; Betty Priest, Wilkinson; Betty Sue Dixon, Oakville, Tenn.; Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark.; Melvyn Dug-gar, Woodville, Fla.; Eloise Ellis, Jackson; Gay Mathis, New Albany; Jean Sproles, Delhi, La.; Matilda Plunk, Selmer, Tenn.

Pianists will be: Nell Keen, Elaine, Ark.; Dorothy Sheely, Gadsden, Ala.; and Blanche Ellen Darr, Clinton, S. C.

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French Catholic leaders are demanding revision of the French constitution to provide grants for Catholic schools.

During the past year, the Seventh Day Adventists have sent out 545 missionaries, 262 from North America. They have been sent to 73 different countries and islands. Of those sent, 395 were new appointees.

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476 Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581, Clinton, Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

CLARKE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN REPORT

Previously reported ----- \$15,000.00
March, 1948, receipts ----- 11,418.08
Through April 26, 1948 ----- 44,621.11
Estimate unremitted monies in hands of church treasurers 20,000.00

Grand total contributions --\$91,039.19
We wish we might have gotten the full \$350,000.00 goal. We could have had every person able to do so used his or her offering envelope. Why not use yours yet?

It is the only campaign conducted these ten years without from one to ten salaried promotional men in the field. We had not a single paid promotional man in the field in this campaign. We wanted to try one campaign with just giving Mississippi Baptists the information and inspiration through publicity. You were generous as always! It is decidedly the largest sum of money ever given in such a campaign!

If Mississippi Baptists will give nearly \$100,000.00 with as little effort as has been put forth for this cause, it certainly guarantees ultimate success with some intensive effort. Jesus said, "Do not start something, then fail in it." -- Luke 14:25-35.

THE CLARKE COLLEGE CAMPAIGN WILL SUCCEED!

I

Mississippi Baptists Are On The March!
Last year was our first year to go over the 14,000 mark in baptisms. A record of our five best years follows:

1947	14,605
1940	13,367
1945	13,249
1946	13,043
1939	12,282

II

We heard Pastor Thurman Booth of Terry bring a great gospel message at Youth for Christ Saturday night in Jackson. The fires of evangelism run in his heart, and he is doing a good work. Saturday afternoon in the Baptist Building we met with a great group of student volunteers for Summer Youth Revivals. Nearly 100 invitations for revivals have been received and this number should be doubled and tripled.

We enjoyed fellowship with the saints at East Church, Greenville, on Sunday. They are earnestly seeking a pastor, and we are sure you will join others in prayer that God's man for the place may come to them.

We spent four days in Florida speaking in some great leadership conferences. Their theme was Evangelism. We heard some great messages by Dr. Hansen, Jacksonville; Dr. Duke McCall, Nashville; Dr. Johnson, El Paso; and others. Dr. John Maguire, Executive Secretary, is a great leader in any field in which he serves, and he has some fine helpers.

Wednesday night we had the privilege of bringing a missionary message in First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Despite torrents of rain, a good prayer meeting congregation was present. It does rain in Florida. The Sewanee River was over highways.

III

Queer are the ideas of many about suffering. The average person thinks that suffering never comes to the good and that frequently the evil man gets by with his deeds. Have you read Psalm 37? "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." (Psalm 37:1-2).

Again in verse 9, we read that evildoers shall be cut off, and verse 38, "The

transgressors shall be destroyed together."

On the other hand, "Those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth." And, "I have been young and am now old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Hebrews 21:3-8, we read, "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

"Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him."

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

The Hebrews were having a hard time. They were told not to despise, hate, or ignore the chastening of the Lord, neither faint or quit when they were rebuked of Him. Chastisement always makes a person better or worse.

This scripture tells us that if a professed Christian sins and sins without being brought to a sharp halt, he had best look to his moorings, he had better go back and study his spiritual experience with Christ. If he is a Christian and sins, God is going to bring him to a halt in chastisement. If he sins and gets by with it as we say, it is sure proof that he is not a child of God.

As a boy, when I did wrong, my father did not drive me from home, taking away from me his name. He invited me into a side-room and with one application with a razor strap, I was a better boy. My temperature always went up, but it did me good.

We are glad that our heavenly Father, when we sin against Him, does not break his handclasp and kick us down the stairway into perdition. Through chastisement, he gets our feet back into the paths of holiness and the highway of service.

IV

We present herewith the division of the Cooperative Program Dollar of Louisiana in 1948.

100 cents will be divided as follows:

33.2%	Southwide Causes
5.7%	Administration
6.0%	Relief and Annuity
15.1%	Christian Education
1.6%	Baptist Message
.9%	Mbandeville
17.4%	State Departments
19.7%	State Missions
.4%	Undesignated

Comment: Adding percentage items six, seven, and eight, you will note that these items, which we group as State Missions, total 38%. Our State Mission allocation for 1948 is 24%. The Florida State Mission allocation is 68%. Many of our people have not realized the importance of a worthy -- a dynamic State Mission program.

V

Daddy, mother, Jane, and Roland at the breakfast table were about to conclude their devotions with a prayer when the doorbell rang sharply and insistently.

Mother said quietly, "You answer it, Roland. We will wait for you."

Roland found one of his friends at the door, and this is what the family heard.

"Are you coming out to play?" said Dick.

"Well, not right now because we're having worship," explained Roland.

"Worship! what's that?" asked Dick.

For a second there seemed to be some hesitation before Roland found the answer. Then he said with real confidence. "Oh, that's talking to God. My daddy knows how to do it."

More daddies on speaking terms with God would help solve problems.

VI

Tithing or Tipping?
by Duke K. McCall

Whether to tithe or to tip is the question before Southern Baptists. The Bible recognizes no portion of a man's income less than a tithe as a full recognition of Christian stewardship.

When we give less than a tithe, we have appropriated unto ourselves the right to determine the value of the Lord's services to us and the amount of our obligation to him. In other words, we offer the great God of heaven and earth a gratuity -- a tip.

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. In 1946, Southern Baptists contributed a total of \$118,928,192 to all our churches, institutions, and agencies. An estimate, based upon Income Tax returns, indicates that Southern Baptists as individuals received nearly five billion dollars, or that a tithe of Southern Baptists' income in 1946 would have been \$476,602,000. On this basis Southern Baptists are giving, roughly, 2 per cent instead of 10 per cent of their income to the Lord's work.

Actually multitudes of the six million Southern Baptists do give their tithes and their offerings. The need is not to ask these Christians to give more, but to ask the others to come up, at least to the standard required of a Hebrew under the law.

VII

We had the privilege of winning the mother of our child to the Lord Jesus Christ! It was in our courting days! She was not a Christian! She was not the kind that would swallow the bait, hook, line, sinker, cork, pole, boat, fisherman, and drink the lake all in one! She had some questions! We discussed them! We could not answer all of them at once! A number of times we went away to get the answer to a question! We always got the answer you may be sure of that! Then, another date followed for giving the answer! She made a profession of faith in the first revival we held. She has been and remains the greatest human help of our ministry.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise," Proverbs 11:30.

VIII

We went to see a man of 82 years -- life wasted. He heard of a great Saviour mighty to save. Jesus was believed on and a man saved as though by fire. I Corinthians 2. A man was snatched from the jaws of death, from the mouth of Hell! Luke 23.

A little woman dressed in black set her heart after a man 72 years of age -- to win him to Christ! He was old beyond his years! We watched her help him to church and back home! The last morning she led him down the aisle! We baptized a man 72 years of age!

How near to "The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved," Jeremiah 8:20.

IX

The men walked away into the service leaving a young man out under the tree. We went out and spoke to him, about Christ. He was shown passages of Scriptures. No reply was given. The sermon was over. A sister went back and spoke to this brother. An elder brother went back and made a plea for the younger brother to accept Christ. About three invitation songs were sung. Finally, a

Clarke Met Crucial Need

By Rev. J. F. McLellan, Superintendent of Louisiana Baptists Evangelism and Promotion Dept.



REV. J. F. McLELLAN

When God laid His hand upon me and made it known to me definitely that I was to preach the Gospel, as most all young preachers are, I was at the cross-roads of life, realizing my need of something that I did not have. At that crucial time in my life, God directed me through Dr. Christian, who was then president of BBI, of New Orleans, to Clarke College, and I moved my family to one of the cottages on the hill.

While there, I went through the greatest seminary of my life, in that some of the greatest problems of my life were settled. Had it not been for Clarke College, with her tender feeling and open arms for a young preacher boy, I wonder where I'd be today! I thank God for Clarke College and all that I am and hope to be, I give Clarke College the greatest credit for it.

Editor's Note: Rev. J. F. McLellan's work as Pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Washington Parish, Louisiana from 1934 to 1941, attracted state and south-wide attention. He led Enon, a half-time, rural church, into a great Storehouse Tithing program that revolutionized the church and brought on a phenomenal development. The church went to full time; built and paid for a Pastor's Home and a beautiful native rock church building, and became the inspiration for scores of other rural churches in Louisiana and South Mississippi. From that unusually successful pastorate he was asked to become Rural Evangelist for Louisiana, which position he accepted in 1941. His work in this field grew so steadily that other evangelists were added and the Louisiana Baptist Convention created the Department of Evangelism and Promotion. For several years he has served as Superintendent of this department and now has six other evangelists working with him. Clarke College met his need and started him on his road to outstanding success in the work of Christ. Gifts to such a school bring wonderful dividends. Mississippi Baptists have set 1948 as Clarke College Year, and gifts are coming in.

foot went toward the aisle, he reached for his handkerchief, and victory had come. The elderly father met him down the aisle. Heaven came down to earth.

It is so glorious! Victory is so sweet! Why don't we tell lost people about Jesus! Isaiah 58.

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Suggestions Invited

The Committee on Church Organizations, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, chairman, and Dr. J. M. Price, secretary, has released the report which it will make to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis on May 19. The condensation of this report appears on another page. Our readers are urged to give careful attention to this article.

The members of the committee have spent much time, through and prayer on the problems. Although the report is not a final one, it is a start in the right direction.

The committee will welcome suggestions from anyone and Dr. Dobbins, chairman, states that careful consideration will be given to any proposed plans. Suggestions may be sent either to the editor of the Baptist Record or to Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, c-o Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Tell Him So

At a recent business meeting, the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, Rev. James H. Street, pastor, voted to express its commendation of the law enforcement agencies of Laurel and Jones County in their efforts to correct conditions which exist in violation of the law.

The church also elected a committee for the purpose of providing a suitable statement of the position taken by the church and ordered that copies be forwarded to all persons having responsibility in the enforcement of law.

We understand that many throughout Jones County have already expressed to Sheriff Luther Holder, County Attorney E. K. Collins, and to others their approval of the steps recently taken to stop the sale of liquor in the county.

If every church in the state and every Baptist in the state would do as the Second Avenue Baptists have done, our enforcement officers would be more inclined to

work hard for law enforcement.

During the recent session of the legislature, the Baptist Record received many petitions concerning the liquor laws. Let us now show as much interest in the enforcement of the laws as we did in the enactment of dry legislation. Every Baptist who believes in law enforcement should personally commend our officers when they do a good job. Every church that believes an officer is doing a good job should tell him so.

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A Good Suggestion

For some time we have been trying to think of some method whereby such spiritual power might be developed at the Memphis session of the Southern Baptist Convention that it would begin to permeate the life of America in a measure that would help prevent our country and the world becoming involved in another major war.

In a letter to the editor, a prominent southern Baptist writes the following: Since pastors will constitute the bulk of the personnel in the Convention, I have an idea if these pastors could be induced to call their congregations to earnest prayer before they leave for the Convention, and follow the example of our Baptist students en route to Ridgecrest each year in holding seasons of prayer on the trains en route to Memphis and in the auditorium before and after the several sessions of the Convention, and in their rooms at the hotels and board houses, that God would hear those prayers and manifest his power in such a manner as He has never done before.

While Dr. Matthews is planning a monster evangelistic service for Sunday afternoon, I understand, I think a whole lot more praying than we have ever had before is needed if the spiritual emphasis that I feel is needed is generated.

Surely, in these troubled, tragic confused, disquieted and disturbed times we need to call upon some higher power than mere men. We have tried to establish a peace without God, and have miserably failed.

Let's give God a chance.

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Some Problems For The SBC Convention

We have no desire to try to dictate to Southern Baptists but we do feel it our duty to call attention to some important matters that will come before the SBC which meets in Memphis on May 19.

While we send messengers to the Convention and these have no authority to bind churches, it is

true that the Convention has become a powerful organization and has assumed some authority. It is not unusual to read of the acts of the convention rather than of its recommendations to the churches.

Although many Baptists will be unable to attend the Convention they should think about the problems that will come before it and indicate to the messengers of the church, their opinion about these problems.

Members of the Convention look forward eagerly to reports of three special committees: The Theological Education Survey committee, headed by Dr. John Buchanan; the committee, led by E. H. Westmoreland, to consider the Kansas Application and the committee to consider "Common Problems," headed by Dr. W. R. White. The "Common Problems" committee has held joint sessions with a similar committee of Northern Baptists.

The report of the committee on Social Service should command wide spread interest. It will have something to say about the morals of the country, the liquor question and race relations. The question of teaching the Bible in the public school will also be considered. The Supreme Court seems to be confused about the question of separation of Church and State.

Another matter of far reaching importance is the question of the establishment of an Eastern Seminary and the location of a Western Ridgecrest.

One question that needs much thought and more prayer is the report of the committee on Church Organization. Although the committee has worked long and hard, it still has unanswered questions.

Let every Baptist be praying for the Convention and for the problems that will come before it.

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A Good Plan

In recent weeks, the Baptist Record has printed several items concerning the establishing of missions by various churches and church organizations. One of the latest to come to our attention is the mission at Toccopola Junction, Pontotoc County, by the Brotherhood of First Church, Pontotoc.

We are a firm believer in any kind of missions. One of the most forward steps that Mississippi Baptists have taken in the last few years is the promotion of the associational missionary idea. These missionaries are doing a worthwhile work that is and will continue to produce large dividends. Their work requires constant travel and much time a way from home. They deserve our deepest

appreciation. But no one man can reach all the points that need to be cared for nor do all the work that needs to be done in any of our associations.

Most of our churches could and should establish missions and leave the county missionary free for other places not cared for by some church. In that way we will not only supplement but enlarge upon the work that is now being done by the associational missionaries. We believe in Foreign Missions, and in Home Missions, and in Associational Missions; but we also believe in the establishing of missions by local churches.

There is hardly a town or country church in Mississippi that does not have some near-by locations where a mission could be established, the Bible taught, souls won, the Gospel preached, and a church established.

Let's have more church established missions.

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Selected Editorial

We're Convinced

We are convinced that Dr. C. E. Matthews will lead the Southern Baptist Convention and its churches in a spiritual awakening such as has not been seen in many a year. We are convinced that he is the man chosen of God for this hour and this crusade.

Dr. Matthews is going from one end of the Convention territory to the other preaching his program of "mass evangelism." He has held numerous state rallies, during which he instructed and inspired the church leaders in the program of simultaneous meetings.

There is nothing new in the theories Dr. Matthews is advancing—and he is the first to say so. But he does contend that Baptists have lost the technique of reaching the masses and with other denominations have drifted away from any great program.

The finest thing about Dr. Matthews is that his personal record of evangelism qualifies him for the leadership. As a pastor, he built the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Texas from one of three hundred members to one of more than six thousand. He has directed scores of successful simultaneous meetings in the Southland since becoming superintendent of evangelism.

Some fifty-nine of the Atlanta churches have just closed a series of simultaneous meetings during which there were nearly two thousand additions. — The Christian Index.

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BETHEL MAKES PROGRESS

Since Pastor B. E. Evans of Bethel Church, Copiah County, moved on the field, much progress has been made. On arrival at the new pastorate, Pastor Evans and family found a hot dinner awaiting them and the pantry full of groceries.

The Sunday School attendance has reached 127, a record, and the prayer meeting attendance has reached 134, with full crowds at morning and evening preaching services.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Memphis, Tenn. May 17th--18th. The first session will be Monday morning at 10 o'clock and the closing session Tuesday evening. It is hoped that scores of Mississippi Women will take advantage of this opportunity and be present for this meeting. Write direct to.

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if you desire a room, in a home — there are no more rooms in hotels available.

NEW ORGANIZATION AT GLADE

The women of the Glade Baptist Church met with seven women of the Tucker's Crossing Baptist Church and the Associational Superintendent and organized a W. M. S. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. James McBride; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jessie Yelverton; Sec., Mrs. B. W. Pippin. There were eighteen charter members — much interest was manifested. Plans are being made to organize the young people. There is every indication that this W. M. S. will develop into a strong W. M. U.

Glade is a newly organized church, one of the fruits of the efforts of Jones County's fine ex-missionary, Rev. John W. Cook. Glade is in the midst of a building program and have a very nice church building started. Rev. Fred Williams is pastor.

INDEPENDENCE SOCIETY HAS UNIQUE PROGRAM. Each circle met in a member's home and we invited every elderly woman in the community to come. We had an interesting program, refreshments and fellowship together. It meant much to our members as well as these honorary members.

150 WOMEN ATTEND LEBANON WMU MEET

The Woman's Missionary Union of Lebanon Baptist Association held the annual meeting at the First Baptist church of Lumberton with Mrs. Virgil Ratliff of Petal, superintendent, in charge of the day's program, more than 150 representatives of Baptist churches in Forrest, Stone and Lamar counties were in attendance.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Wood, pastor of the Lumberton church, and special music was furnished by members of the local Young Women's Auxiliary of the church with Mrs. J. W. Wood as director.

Following organization and routine business, reports were given by secretaries of the various divisions of work as follows: Mrs. J. C. Murphy, publicity and periodicals; Mrs. G. M. Martin, enlistment Mrs. G. E. Orr, mission study; Mrs. W. H. Clinton, stewardship; Mrs. T. L. Burdette, community missions, and Mrs. H. R. McPhail, young people's work.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Gerald Riddell of Colombia, South America, who told of mission work, and stressed the need for more missionary efforts in that country to avert moral and political disintegration.

Mrs. W. B. Myrick welcomed guests and invited the group to a luncheon at the Masonic temple dining hall.

The afternoon session was given over to a study of stewardship with music by a choral group from Mississippi Woman's college at Hattiesburg.

HOME BOARD ELECTS 300 STUDENT MISSIONARIES

The Home Mission Board is now in the process of assigning approximately 300 college students to serve on the various mission fields of the South for ten weeks this summer, May 31 to August 6.

As has been the policy for several years, these students will work under the regular missionaries of our Board and workers designated by the state secretaries with whom we are co-operating in mission activities.

Only missionary volunteers with at least 60 hours of college credit will be considered for appointment. They will participate in practically every type of service undertaken by the Home Mission Board. Among the fields in which they will serve are the following: Mexican, Indian, Italian, French, Chinese, Negro, good will centers, city missions, rural missions, evangelism, underprivileged, pioneer fields, and mountain areas.

Last year the 286 student workers established 41 new missions, constituted 23 new churches, taught a total of 76,048 children in Vacation Bible schools, helped lead 3,800 persons to Christ, and reported 3,506 rededications of life to Christ.

There is a four-fold purpose in this program. First, it helps young people who feel called to missionary service to discover their interests and aptitudes by actual participation in such work. Second, much good is accomplished on our mission fields. Third, these students, returning to their campuses, help to arouse general interest in missions. Fourth, it is an investment in the training of future missionaries, and helps the Home Board discover the best material for our permanent missionary forces.

WESTERN CONFERENCE CALLED GREAT SUCCESS

Much credit is due Rev. Fred A. McCaulley for the success of the Southern Baptist Home Mission conference at beautiful, commodious Asilomar, California, March 25 through 31. One hundred and ninety-two were registered at this, the second conference for the three Western states of California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Among those attending the conference were Home Board missionaries and workers, secretaries of the three states, pastors, and W. M. U. representatives.

The meeting has been described as one of the most unifying, encouraging, and instructive ever held in that section. Outstanding features included the testimonies of the missionaries; the challenges presented by the secretaries of each state; the historical, inspirational address by Dr. L. A. Brown on "The Gospel's Westward Movement Carried by Baptists;" and the strong, inspiring messages of Dr. S. F. Dowis. Dr. B. O. Herring, president of the Golden Gate Seminary, conducted a Bible hour each day which was classified by many as superb.

The conference is scheduled to meet in New Mexico next year.



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A. L. McGaugh

Brother A. L. McGaugh, pictured above, is the associational Brotherhood president of Leflore County. Brother McGaugh is one of the most devoted Christian laymen to be found anywhere. He is a member of Calvary Church, Greenwood, and the doors of the church never open that he and his fine family are not there. He is principal of one of the elementary schools in Greenwood and is doing a splendid job in promoting Brotherhood work in Leflore Association.

Southside Does It Again

Southside Church in Jackson, Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor, and Lionel Sullivan, Brotherhood president, has accepted the challenge to organize new Brotherhoods. On the night of April 8 they assisted in organizing a Brotherhood in Midway Church in Jackson, Rev. Joe Royalty, pastor, and

State President



Theo Holmes

Above is a picture of our new state president, Brother Theo Holmes of East McComb Baptist Church, McComb. Brother Holmes is and has been for many years active in every phase of church life. He served last year as vice-president of the state convention. He is a railroadman, and can speak the language of laymen. We cherish the opportunity of working with him this year and pray God's blessings upon him.

Hal Spencer, president. This is their second Brotherhood to organize this year. The first was Richland Church, Plain, with Rev. F. L. Phipps, pastor, and W. G. Harper, president. This kind of spirit will revolutionize our promotional program. Thanks, Brethren.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

A BOOK REVIEW BY ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

A LIGHT ON A HILL, a history of Blue Mountain College, by Robbie Neal Sumrall, Benson Printing Company, Nashville, Tennessee.

A Light On A Hill is the intriguing title given to the recent book, written by Miss Robbie Neal Sumrall, telling about Blue Mountain College. It is most gratifying, actually amazing, to see how much interesting and valuable history has been packed into this book. Along with the history, the author has portrayed the spirit of the Lowrey family and the spirituality of the College. To write this book was a labor of love for Miss Sumrall, for she has lived most of her useful life in Blue Mountain. The quality of the material shows her fitness for the task.

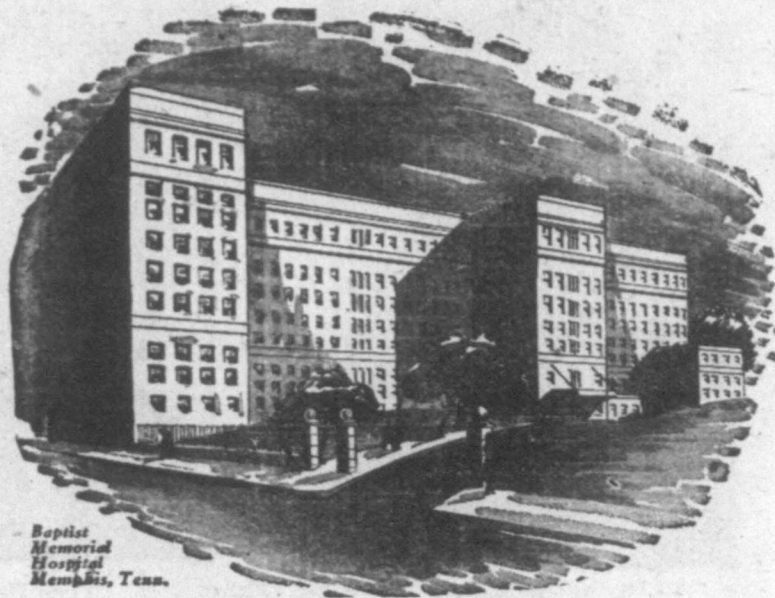
This book is a "must" for all former Blue Mountain students, their families and their friends. It will be read with great inspiration and profit by anyone who is interested in Christian family life, Christian education and Christian womanhood. It may be bought from the Blue Mountain College Book Store, or from any Baptist Book Store; price, \$2.50, postpaid.

ART

The Blue Mountain art department, with ten other colleges, had an exhibit of their work at the Mary Bule Museum in Oxford this month. The exhibit consisted of work from the various art courses — textile designs, and the actual decoration of textiles from the class in color and design, dress designs from the dress design class, color reproductions of interiors, floor plans of furniture arrangements, and house plans from the interior decoration class, examples of various techniques used from the public school art class, illustrations from the commercial art course, and oil painting carried out in the private art classes.

Royal Service for April contains an article entitled "Program Plans" by Miss Doris Roberts, Paint Rock, Ala., who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1943, and is now attending the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

Bessie Mae Evers, Jackson, is secretary for the director of Boy Scouts in Memphis, Tenn.



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Aberdeen Has "More Than a Study Course"

According to the Aberdeen church bulletin this good church had "more than a study course" the week of March 14-19 with Misses Louise Hill and Gladys Bryant of the Training Union Department helping. Pastor Thompson says "We wanted it to bring information, inspiration, and decisions in our lives. This was manifested Friday night when we saw a group stand in front of the assembly and offer their lives for definite religious service. It was a good hour when one young man said "I'm going to preach," a young lady, "I'm going to be a missionary," another young lady, "I'm going to be a missionary etc. etc." In all eight persons dedicated their lives for definite service, seven Intermediates and one adult. Miss Hill in reporting the week says "It was truly a revival." 144 were enrolled in the school. As Brother McCall would say Doxology!

Amory starts a new union and had fifty two charter members. A full report of the organization is not yet in. We know they will grow in every way. Rev. John Measells is the pastor.

Wool Market has first study course in history

Thanks to Mrs. Henry Robbins, training union director of Wool-Market, Gulf Coast Association, for a good report on their study course. This first study course and all were rejoicing in the helpfulness of it. It was the pleasure of your State Secretary to visit this good church in January. We had a heavy rain that night and some of us thought our trip would be in vain, but the people came, some for ten or more miles and it proved to be a splendid conference.

The King's Couples is the name of a good adult union at Columbia. This union reached the standard of excellence for the last quarter of 1947. The request for the award was not received in time for proper recognition to be given so we are glad here to so recognize them. Thanks to Dr. Russell Bush Jr., director, for the report. He adds "The Training Union here is on the best footing it has been in some years. Congratulations to all concerned.

Oakland Heights a new church in Lauderdale Co. starts off right by setting up a program of teaching and training. A newly organized Training Union makes it possible for every member of the church to be taught in the methods of working for the Lord. A full report of this new union is not in yet.

Pleasant Valley, Simpson Co. reports a newly organized union. Mrs. Mansel Cline, Secretary says "I believe we are going to have one of the best Training Unions in Simpson Co. We have 93 members already in five unions and feel that this is just the beginning." Rev. H. A. Milner is the pastor and the general officers elected are-Director, D. J. Smith; Asso. Dir. J. H. Coleman; Secretary Mrs. Mansel Cline; Chorister, Mansel J. Cline;

Pianist, Mrs. Dena Coleman. And again we say, Congratulations!

1,952 study course awards were issued to members of training unions in 25 associations during the month of March, and eighteen new unions were organized.

Adults were issued nearly 50% more study course awards in March than any other department. The record is-Adults, 12,425; Juniors, 8,752; Intermediates, 8,202; Young People, 7,425; Administration course awards, 3,208. Southwide record.

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CURTIS MILLER ACCEPTS SHAW AND FAIRVIEW



REV. CURTIS I. MILLER

The Rev. Curtis I. Miller is the new pastor of the Shaw and Fairview churches. Mr. Miller is young and energetic and has already made a most favorable impression. Shaw is a town of 2000 in Bolivar County while the Fairview Church is located five miles away in Sunflower County.

Curtis Miller is a native of Pica-yune. After graduating from the Bay St. Louis High school he finished at Clarke Memorial College and only recently has fulfilled requirements for a degree at Mississippi College. Meanwhile he has been studying at the New Orleans Seminary where he expects to receive his B. D. Degree in May 1949. After the first of May he will give full time to Shaw and Fairview until the opening of the seminary in the fall when he will commute each week to serve his charges. Before accepting this work he was pastor of the Bowen Memorial Church of the Gulf Coast Association.

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R. R. DARBY ELECTED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Rev. R. R. Darby, Mississippian, has been elected president of the student body of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 1949.

Mr. Darby is pastor of the Pachuta and Pleasant Grove Churches. His wife is the former Velma Hill. They have two daughters, Martha, age 12 and Ann, 2.

Before entering the ministry, M. Darby was in the teaching profession. His most recent work of this kind was at Wiggins, where he was superintendent of the Wiggins High School. A 1930 graduate of Mississippi College, he will receive his B. D. degree next year.

Department of Temperance Activities

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Scientists have discovered that the alcoholic is a sick person and needs our sympathy and medicine. What the public needs to realize is that alcoholics are made sick by the sellers, voters who voted the license, the officers who did not enforce the laws, and the court and jury that acquitted them. These need our sympathy and help but we should give more attention to rearing a generation to fear intoxicants as a deadly poison just as they fear hydrophobia from a mad dog's bite.

The fight against the nefarious liquor traffic is definitely and unmistakably a church fight. The devil laughs up his sleeves when he can silence the voice of a preacher of a church on the liquor question. The liquor people know that their business is fundamentally and basically wrong and that it is against everything that is worth while. They also know that the church is their greatest foe. Through every subtle method known to Satan, therefore, they undertake to silence the voice of the church, on the question of intoxicants: THE SALOON WOULD DESTROY THE CHURCH IF IT COULD-THE CHURCH COULD DESTROY THE SALOON IF IT WOULD.

Commitment Day

Every church should take advantage of Commitment Day, May 30, or

some other convenient Sunday, to get as many as possible to sign a pledge to abstain from the use of all intoxicants. Many boys and girls will keep their pledge once they have signed it, and be saved from the ravages of rum. Every Christian adult ought to make this pledge and keep it. Moreover, every Christian needs to be an openly avowed crusader for prohibition.

This Commitment Day comes at a most significant time for Mississippi. By the help of God, the Drys won victories in the session of the Legislature just closed. What we must not forget, however, is that we are to face the same crowd two years hence. If we hope to win victories in the next session, it is absolutely essential that we awake out of our sleep and attack the liquor traffic with all our might.

A very impressive article written by Hugh Brimm under the caption "A In a dingy half-light, in the thick, Sad and Ugly Scene" begins as follows: stale miasma of tobacco smoke and alcoholic fumes which are the atmosphere of the innumerable cocktail bars of our cities, a new character has entered the American scene. It is the female bar fly." He ends the stragic picture with these words. "Something must be done about this potential social cancer.

110 STUDENTS VOLUNTEER FOR YOUTH REVIVALS

A total of 110 college and seminary students have volunteered for the Youth Revival Crusade in Mississippi this summer. So far about 60 Youth Revivals are scheduled. Invitations from churches are needed for at least 60 more revivals to keep the students who have volunteered busy all summer in this special evangelistic effort.

This evangelistic emphasis, with an accent on Youth, is being sponsored this year by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and its Convention Board, its Department of Evangelism, the BSU, the College Ministerial Associations of Mississippi, and the Mississippi students in the Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans seminaries. Pastors are urged to write the State BSU Department, Box 530, Jackson, for Youth Revival teams right away.

Among the revivals already scheduled are: Salem (near Collins); First, Water Valley; Meltonia Mission, Sunnyside Mission, and Shady Oak Mission, Bolivar County; First, New Albany; Calvary, Vicksburg; Shady Grove, Hazlehurst; Mabon; Sturgis; First, Batesville; Leavelle Woods; First, Moorhead; First, Moorhead; First, Louisville; First, Macon; First, Canton; First, Greenwood; Bay Springs; First, Starkville; Phillipp, Tallahatchie County; First, Charleston; First, Holly Springs; Arcola; Anguilla; Calvary, Jones County; First Ripley; Saltillo; 10 or 15 in Meridian and Lauderdale Association; First, Grenada; Mathiston; First, Baldwin; Zion (near Pontotoc) and Slayden (near Lamar).

A very successful Youth Revival was held in Calvary Church, Tupelo, Mar. 28-April 2, with Hyran Barefoot, James Fancher, Glenn Merrill, and Margaret Weaver, of Mississippi College, leading. More than 30 decisions for Christ were made. Other revivals were held at East Central Junior College, Decatur; New Orleans, and Belzoni during the same period and with similar results.

Puckett to Observe Homecoming Day

Homecoming Day will be observed at Puckett Church on Sunday, May 2, according to an announcement by pastor, Rev. Morrell Lee.

For some time the people of Puckett have anticipated the building of their long dreamed of new church building, which has stood for more than 50 years, has served its purpose being totally inadequate to meet the needs of the people.

The purpose of Homecoming Day is to raise funds for the new church building.

A picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour and members of the church, friends, and neighboring churches are invited to attend.

The following program has been arranged:

Sunday School — 9:45 a. m.
Announcements and Recognition of Visitors — 10:45 A. M.
Song Service, by G. C. Sharkey.
Offering.
Puckett Baptist Quartette.
Sermon Baptist Quartette.
Sermon by Rev. Upton Reynolds — 11:15 A. M.
Lunch and Fellowship Hour — Noon.
Song Service by G. C. Starkey — 2:00 P. M.
Duet by the Gill Twins.
Solo by O. U. Rushing.
Sermon by A. L. Goodrich.

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Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Rev. George A. Nichols, Ellisville; Clint Nichols, Ellisville; Dr. Hendon M. Harris, Clinton; Rev. Owen Williams, Utica; Arthur C. O'Brien, Utica; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Bay Springs; Rev. W. W. Horner, Selma, Ala.; Rev. Raymond R. Newman, Jackson; Rev. H. O. Worthy, Summit; Mrs. H. E. Cloud, Vicksburg; Mrs. B. F. Cloud, Vicksburg; L. R. Quinn, Jackson; Rev. H. B. Benson, Carrollton, Georgia; Fletcher V. Hill, Hazlehurst; Jane Lewis Jackson; J. H. Wells, Jackson.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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The March report of one of our colleges reveals that fewer than one-tenth of their Baptist students are enlisted in at least one unit organization. This college doesn't have a Student Secretary. It greatly needs one, doesn't it? . . . "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me" was the theme of the recent installation of BSU officers for Pearl River Jr. College . . . At Woman's College one recent week, "friendship" was the theme at noon-day prayer meeting, and each girl chose a secret friend for the week and did special things for her. . . Six joined the Newton church from Clarke recently. . . About 25 students from East Central Jr. had charge of the Sunday night service at Forest Church recently, a trip to Morton was to be made April 18, and one is scheduled for Carthage May 2 . . . Lewis Nobles was reelected BSU President at Ole Miss and Joyce Saxon is the new prexy at Miss. Southern. Riley Munday writes from the latter of the recent weekend Youth Revivals in Cartersville Church in which he, Ruby Williamson, Betty Freeman and Billy Bond were the team. Five additions to the church by profession of faith came, and the church gave a love offering to the BSU Station Wagon Fund. Another Youth Revival is scheduled for soon at 28th Ave. Church,

Hattiesburg. . . Several Sunflower Jr. BSUs were on their recent Training Union Ass'n program, 16 new members were added to the Moorehead Church Sunday School, and 11 S. J. C. students attended the Youth Revival in Belzoni Church recently. . . From Miss. College comes the report that a week-end Youth Revival was recently held in Taylorsville Church by MC students, that Freshman Week was held during last month with freshmen taking over the duties of each BSU Executive member with the exception of the Ministerial Ass'n, and that 5 students joined the Clinton church last month. Glenn Merrill, from MC, then writes enthusiastically of the recent Youth Revival at Calvary Church, Tupelo.

About fifty-five Youth Revival volunteers attended the recent meeting here. God can do wonders in Miss. with them and us this summer if we'll let Him! . . . Recent peregrinations include good fellowship with the pastors of Gulf Coast Ass'n and with friends at Perkinson Junior College and at Woman's College. . . Frances Bibb, of Miss. College, will go to Hawaii and Sylvia Burr, of Blue Mountain, will be our summer mission worker in California, according to the recent action of a committee of student secretaries. We need about \$850 to send them. . .



REV. ROBERT MOORE

Robert Moore, who has been Director of Music for the past two years at the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, will be available for revivals and Schools of Music from June 8 to September 1. He will graduate at Mississippi College in June, has had one year of training at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and served in the army for three years. He is approved by the Department of Church music as a teacher in the schools of music. Address: Box 312, Clinton, Mississippi.

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The Home Mission Board will use 300 students during the summer to work in various mission fields in the Convention territory.

The Protestant Film Commission will release its second picture, "My Name Is Han," on June 15. The picture is a study of mission work in China.

Dr. Paul M. Cousins has resigned as president of Shorter College in Georgia to accept a professorship of English at Mercer University.

MISS NELLIE JENNINGS, JUNE 10, 1947
MRS. JOHN STEPHENS,

FEBRUARY 27, 1948

WHEREAS, Our Loving Heavenly Father with all his tender mercies looked down upon a group of his children and realized that there were two who had served Him faithfully for a long time and were in line for a promotion. When he called them to join the Heavenly Family, they were ready to answer that call as they had always been to whatever other calls He had extended them.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we as members of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Mississippi, bow in submissive surrender to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

WHEREAS, We know that it is impossible for us to sympathize completely and to really share the burden of the hearts of those loved ones left behind, and knowing that we too have suffered great loss,

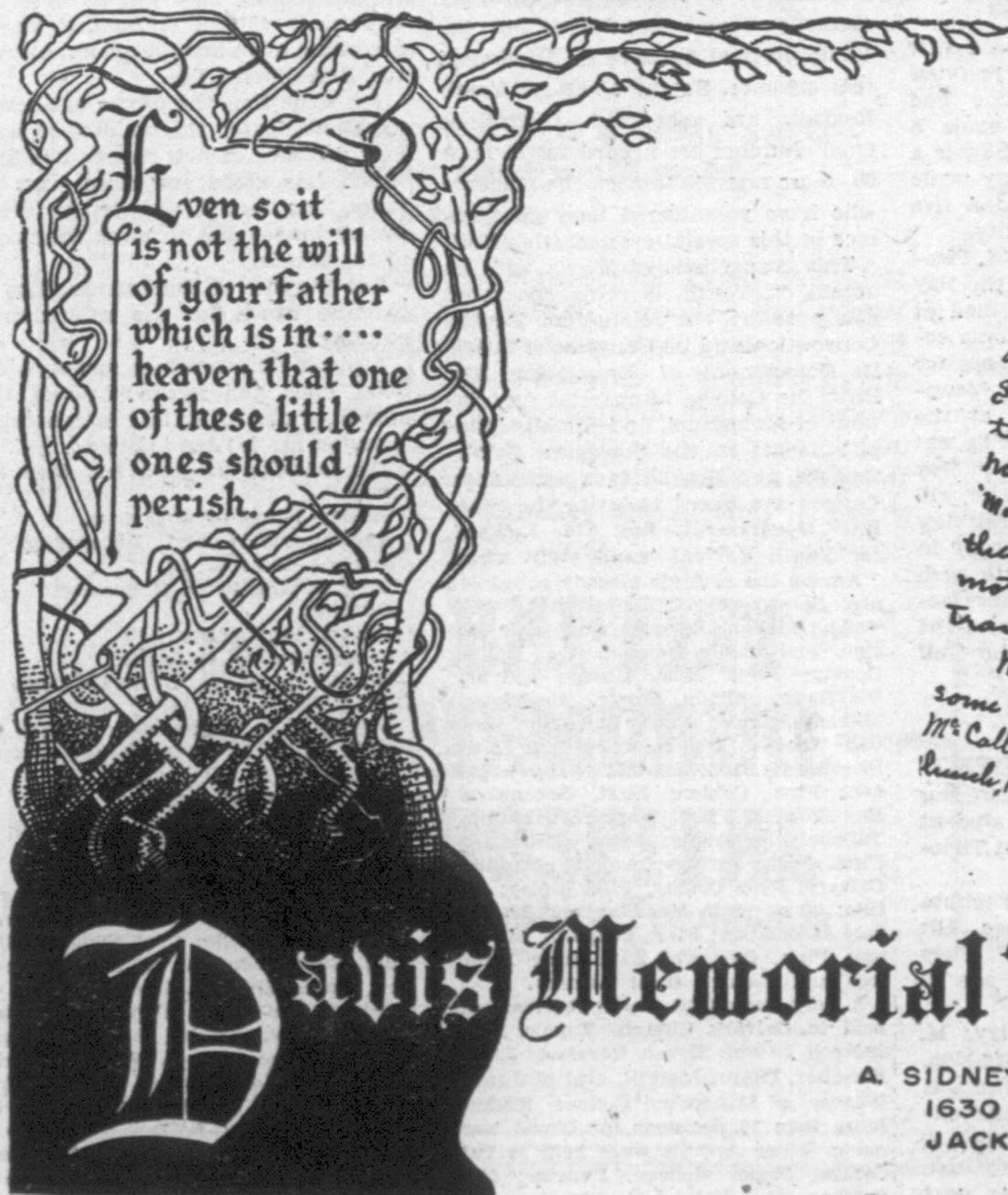
BE IT RESOLVED, That we commend them to the Greatest of All Comforters and that we express to them our heartfelt sympathy and love in this hour of sadness.

WHEREAS, The members of the Sumner Baptist Church realize that the Master has only transferred to another field of service two willing hearts,

BE IT RESOLVED, That each member of the church recognize and accept his share of the additional responsibility in re-enforcing the break made in the circle of humble and prayerful followers of the Master in His will on earth.

WHEREAS, We wish all groups with whom we or they had had association to be informed of our feelings as a church toward this loss, which we have sustained,

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to both families, to the Baptist Record, and to the Sumner Sentinel that they be spread upon the minutes and published in the bulletin of the Sumner Baptist Church.



Even so it
is not the will
of your Father
which is in . . .
heaven that one
of these little
ones should
perish.

An Invitation
To the friends of Christ and orphan children:
You are invited to make an investment in
the spiritual development of our Baptist orphan
boys and girls by helping to erect a church
building that will be adequate to meet the
needs of our orphanage children. We are
asking Mississippi Baptist Churches and
Sunday Schools, on Mother's Day, May 9th,
to make a special offering for this purpose.
No time is more appropriate than
Mother's Day; no cause more worthy than
the erection of a building in which
motherless children are to worship and be
trained in service for their Master.
Make your offering on Mother's Day or
some other convenient day and send to Dr. A. S.
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Davis Memorial Baptist Church

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Sparks & Splinters

UNION UNIVERSITY ALUMNI: There will be a meeting of the Union Alumni Wednesday evening of the Southern Baptist Convention, at five o'clock. Visit the Union booth before noon Wednesday for further information.

The many friends of Dr. S. G. Posey will be interested to know that recently he became pastor of Calvary Church, Berkeley, California. Dr. Posey is a Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College, and a former pastor at Durant, Biloxi, and Coliseum Church in New Orleans. Last fall he went to Berkeley as professor or religious education in the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary.

Bernell L. Warren, 1528 West 7th Street, Laurel, who has been choir director of West Laurel Church for the past several years, is willing to give up his position with a local business firm in order to be of service to churches in revival meetings. Pastor Rev. H. J. Rushing says that his work with the choir and congregational singing has been proven at West Laurel and at other churches where he has served. Anyone desiring his service can write him at the above address.

Rev. W. T. Johnson, pastor, Pecan Grove Church in Jones County continues to stand by the Baptist Record. He recently sent some additional subscriptions and wrote "there shall be more coming as soon as I can secure them."

Mrs. Jessie Childers recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Whittentown Church of Tippah County.

Acting on the unanimous recommendation of the deacons and by vote of the church in conference, Dr. J. D. Ray, beloved former pastor, has been elected pastor emeritus at First Church, Starkville.

During the past quarter much new equipment has been added to First Church, Starkville, Dr. Wilburn S. Smith, pastor. Included in the new installations are: tower chimes, organ chimes, acoustic aids at an approximate cost of \$3,000, the gift of two individuals. Other items include offering plates, communion set, baptismal robes, and office equipment.

Rev. A. P. Wells writes that he has reconsidered and will not at the present time retire as pastor of Gum Grove Church, Lincoln County, as he had previously announced.

The First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, is experiencing a great revival services were held March 29 through April 11, but the revival continues. Dr. Arthur Fox, Morristown, Tenn., did the preaching. He is a great gospel preacher, safe, sane, dynamic, effective evangelist. There were 98 additions during the fifteen days he was with us; 80 of these for baptism. There were 12 additions the Sunday following the close of the series of meetings. The revival continues. (Editor's Note: Dr. Fox is with Dr. D. Swan Hayworth and First Church Vicksburg in a meeting April 25 - May 9.)

Reverend Braxton B. Sawyer has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky, in order to accept the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

A nice list of new and renewal subscriptions was recently received from Mt. Zion Church of Leake County. Rev. Lewis A. Byram is pastor.

With the help of the Associational Missionary, Harold Douglas, the Arcola Baptist Church of which Rev. J. W. T. Siler is pastor organized a branch S. S. on April 18th. 35 were present for the organization.

The annual rate of personal income dropped to 207.1 billion in February, but was still well ahead of the 189.5 billion annual rate reported in February, 1947.

Divorces dropped 26.6 per cent in 1947, and marriages dropped about 12.5 per cent, according to the Federal Security Agency. There were about 2,000,000 marriages and 450,000 divorces during 1947, compared with 613,000 divorces and 2,285,539 marriages in 1946.

Anyone interested in reading heart warming Bible-true sermons will enjoy the book "Clothed Skeletons" by Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. There are six sermons with the following titles: Clothed Skeletons; Living The Bible; Jesus-Christ-Lord or Right Thinking Concerning Jesus; The Cross-History Or Experience?; Salvation's Demonstration; and Christian Living In the Light Of Christ's Return. The book is paper bound and sells for \$1. Orders should be sent to Ayerow Book Company, 123 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.

The Orphanage received a nice supply of fresh yard eggs from The W. M. U. of Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Mrs. Mefkin Smith, President and the W. M. U. of the Braxton Baptist Church, Mrs. B. A. McCullough, President. These eggs assisted greatly in giving the children the necessary food. Perhaps you would like to have a part in this program. It takes 180 eggs for a meal.

Under the leadership of Rev. Harold Douglas, the Associational Missionary, The Hollandale Church established a Branch S. S. on Sunday April 11th. There were 31 present. Teachers will serve this branch S. S. from the Hollandale Church of which E. A. Currey is Supt. of the S. S. and Rev. W. P. Davis is pastor.

First Baptist Church, West Memphis, Arkansas celebrated the Second Anniversary of their Pastor Aubrey C. Halsell on April 1. During the two years these amazing statistics were produced—406 baptisms — \$46,702.30 given to missions — 7 city lots purchased and paid for — 2 missions established, built, and paid for — church membership doubled — Sunday School and Baptist Training Union attendance trebled. Mr. Robert P. James, of Brookhaven is the Minister of Music and Education.

The Orphanage will graduate three fine young people from Central High School of Jackson on May 28th. In this group will be one girl Joan Simpson and two boys, Glenn Aglesby and Lennox Oglesby, brothers.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Perry County Missionary Baptist Association which met with Good Hope Church, October 2-3, 1947. Rev. Paul C. Ball is Moderator and Rev. G. T. Breland is Clerk.

The First Baptist Church, Shreveport, celebrated the Thirty-sixth Anniversary of Dr. M. E. Dodd as pastor on Sunday, April 4. During these thirty-six years 14,119 have joined the church and \$4,062,489 has been given to all causes.

Rev. Stanley Smith, Dania, Florida is a full blood Creek as is his wife. From 1945 to the close of 1947 he has baptized 197 Seminole Indians. He makes this statement in his letter, "Once a deacon came into my study, his face all aglow with surprise and said: Bro. Smith all tithers but one. Then I said why one? He smiled and said you have not baptized him yet." J. B. Rounds, Supt. of Indian Work, Home Mission Board.

Leon Kethley has returned to the Orphanage and is back in school after his appendix operation at the Baptist Hospital some days ago. We are grateful for his speedy recovery and for the kindness shown him by the Hospital, Nurses, Drs. Lawrence Long and H. F. Garrison, Sr. and many personal friends as well as friends of the Orphanage. — W. G. Mize, supt.

President Harry S. Truman said, "There is greater need today than ever in our history for emphatic emphasis on the place of God in our family life" in endorsing National Family Week, May 2-9.

Howard College, operated by Alabama Baptists, has established a sufficient number of Extension Schools so as to make it possible for every Baptist preacher and layman in the state to be accessible to one of them. Classes are held at night so it is possible for one to continue working and at the same time enroll in these centers.

There were thirty four boys from the R. A. Chapter of the Orphanage attended the Conclave at Camp GARAYWA the past week end. All report "A Good Time Was Had By ALL!"

Youth Revival Volunteers



JANE ALEXANDER

Jane Alexander, MSCW, and John Martin Evans, Southwestern Seminary, are two of the 100-odd students who have volunteered for the Youth Revival Crusade in Mississippi this summer. Pastors are urged to write Chas. W. Horner, Box 530, Jackson, for teams right away.



JOHN MARTIN EVANS

MISS FANNIE LEA MUSGROVE

February 15 Miss Fannie Lea Musgrove, age 53, died after a brief illness at her home near Stringer.

She was known and loved by a great host of friends through out this entire section of the state. She was affectionately called "Miss Fanny" and loved by all who knew her. Her death brought great sorrow to this great host of friends.

She was for many years a faithful member of the Edon Baptist Church. She had served in many places in the church, and was at the time of her death, president of the W. M. U., also Mission Study Chairman for Jasper County W. M. U. On January 20 at the county W. M. U.

Rally, she presented plans for a greater mission work in 1948. But God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call her home. She is survived by her father, 2 brothers, and 10 sisters.

Weep not loved one, Fanny is not dead, But sleepeth and her works do follow on,

Sleep on dear one, you are sadly missed; But we know you are happy in the land of bliss.

Sleep on and take your rest,

We know that God knows best,

Your thoughts were always of others,

By MRS. J. F. KENNEDY

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MATERIALS FOR GRADED CHOIRS

In his book, **METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR GRADED CHOIRS**, Mr. C. A. Holcomb, state music director of Florida, dedicates a chapter to the Junior groups. In this chapter he tells how to get started, then how to select singers. He discusses teaching the song, rehearsals, standards needed, and even suggests a schedule of activity for a year for the Junior Group. There is a section on posture, breathing and tone, one on teaching fundamentals and different other phases of work for this particular group.

In the chapter, **TOOLS WITH WHICH TO WORK**, Mr. Holcomb discusses the use of anthems and lists some for Juniors. Most of these that he suggests are Junior Collections. Although the list which he gives is not

complete by any means, it is a splendid one to begin with.

Those Directors interested in practical information and wonderful suggestions on the youngest choral groups would profit much by studying the chapter on **THE YOUNGEST CHORAL GROUPS** in which Mr. Holcomb discusses the beginning of the choir through the music to be used, and on the goals by graduation from this group to another. He suggests how to select the singers, the qualifications of music for younger choral groups, a program for each rehearsal, posture and breathing, ability to sing on pitch, dealing with monotones, teaching the song, sight singing, part singing and other helpful suggestions for the younger choral group.

Other chapters in his book deal with the Youth Groups, The Rhythm Band and other interesting phases of work with Graded Choirs. This book is one of the Music Training Course books and can be purchased from this office for 50c on request.

5 Surrender To Preach At 1st Church, Jackson

First Church, Jackson, and pastor W. Douglas Hudgins, are rejoicing over the surrender of five young men to the ministry. On the first Sunday of the church's recent Spiritual Emphasis Week, Schuyler Batson, native of Gulfport and Vanderbilt graduate, Class of '46, yielded to the call to preach and will enter the Louisville Seminary in September. In the same service Ralph Hester Jr., and Melvin Campbell, Jr., indicated their desire to enter the ministry and to prepare for special service, possibly the mission field.

Last fall Carroll Starkey was licensed to preach by the congregation, and some six weeks ago Clayton Sullivan received the same recognition from the church. John W. Steen, Jr., who graduates from Baylor University in June, was ordained to the ministry by pastor Hudgins and a council called by the First Church early in September of last year, is now pastor in Texas and hopes to enter the Seminary this fall.

Young Starkey, who has been very active in the affairs of the young peoples' department of First Church, is a student at Millsaps, and has been doing considerable preaching in recent months. Sullivan, Hester, and Campbell are seniors this year at Central High in Jackson. With the exception of Batson, all are long-time residents of Jackson and have received most of their training in the First Baptist Church.

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Romanian Baptist Seminary Must Give Secular Courses

BUCHAREST —(RNS)— Students at the Romanian Baptist Seminary here must hereafter take required courses in agriculture, animal husbandry and physical education, according to an announcement by seminary authorities.

In addition, lectures will be introduced "to promote better understanding between the Baptists and the State Orthodox Church," and to establish "closer ties with peoples of all faiths."

Founded soon after the first world war, the Baptist seminary is supported by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

BRUCE CHURCH BUS



Shown above is the 24 passenger bus that Bruce Church has recently bought to provide transportation to church services for those who do not have transportation.

Besides this, they have recently bought stained glass windows and attic fans. One church member presented to the church a pipe organ. Rev. J. B. Middleton is pastor.

Average weekly offerings for the past quarter at First Church, Starkville, as reported by the finance committee was \$703.

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By the end of '48 it will be "too late" for many of those in need of hospital care. Their only hope for recovery is in your generosity NOW.

Last year 2,163 people were ministered to from the charity funds of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. The demands are constantly increasing.

So that more of the sick poor who come to our doors can be admitted, we ask, in the Lord's name, for a wholehearted response to the Mother's Day Love Offering on May 9.

All Mother's Day offerings to the hospital will be used for charity work.

Your Mother's Day Contribution Helps Them



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Executive Secretary

FRANK K. MEANS,
Secretary Education and Promotion

Visitation Pays Off

"On the afternoon of the fifth Sunday in February our people made more than 700 personal visits," says Rev. Chas. B. Hamlet, the pastor at Winona.

He also says, "We are still reaping results from this effort."

Yes, indeed, visitation pays off, and in mighty big dividends, too.

No More Quarterly Reports

For many years, standard departments and classes were required to fill out and send in a report for each quarter of the year, if the unit was to maintain standard recognition.

That has been discontinued.

A standard unit is now so recognized as such the quarter the first application for this recognition is made. It is listed as being a standard unit during that year.

Any department or class that becomes standard the first quarter of the Sunday school year, and keeps it up for each quarter, is entitled to the Gold Seal recognition for such work at the end of the year.

The Nashville office mails out the regular blanks for such Gold Seal recognition to all units entitled to it.

Clinic Was A Blessing

"I would like to have reservation for the Sunday school Clinic to be held in Laurel. I attended the one in Jackson last year and gained so much good from it."

Thus writes Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Phoenix, Miss.

She also says, "I think it is the best thing Mississippi Baptists could have to train Sunday school leaders for better work."

Thanks, Mrs. Sanders, and we are glad to include you in the group for the Laurel Clinic this year, August 23-27.

The May Builder

Have you seen the May Builder yet? Well, it surely is a dandy! In fact, that is true of every issue of the Builder.

If superintendents will follow it, there will be no question of our having bigger and better schools. It points the way to them.

The May Builder? Sure, with these great items: Home Bible study, home and church, Christian home, evangelism, music, grading, training, finding and reaching the people, the teacher and the Word, what to do in May, Vacation Bible schools, study, buildings, doctrinal study, and then the department pages, and closing with the May lessons and programs.

It is a rich and rewarding study just to spend quite some time on the Builder each month.

Christian Home Week

The week of May 2-9 is Christian Home Week. There is a suggested program for each day of that week, and then it closes on May 9, which is Mother's Day.

The idea is to give additional emphasis to the importance of the Christian home in a country. Bible study is one of the musts in the important matter of building Christian homes.

Please Do Not Forget

The Laurel Clinic. The time for this is August 23-27. The faculty is of Southwide workers. Free entertainment for 100 out-of-town workers. Write us at once. Many have already

applied.

Ridgecrest Reservations. The Sunday School Weeks are June 24-30 and July 1-7. Write Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., for reservations and send one dollar fee.

That Vacation Bible School. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their boys and girls with a good Vacation Bible school. It is one of the best parts of the year's programs for a church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, Calvary	1320	282
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1374	327
Greenwood, First	553	
Crystal Springs	686	111
Laurel, West	476	129
Zion Hill, Copiah County	59	51
Newton	435	184
Oloh, Marion County	83	73
Booneville, First	288	115
Columbus, First	934	260
Durant	225	68
Long Creek, Lauderdale		
County	126	156
Chester	43	
Antioch, Lawrence County	89	56
Wallerville	132	55
Friendship, Pike County	194	116
Beulah, Simpson County	186	99
Pleasant Valley, Simpson		
County	128	
East Columbia	102	
Old Town, Calhoun County	98	72
Mount Vernon, Holmes County		29
Wellmon, Lincoln County	107	68
Brookhaven, First	949	204
Laurel, Beacon	258	103
Bethlehem, Jones County	136	113
Hattiesburg, Main Street	757	315
Gulfport, First	666	152
Centerville	178	47
Pascagoula, First	663	211
Jackson, First	1209	416
Jackson, Elaine	125	116
Jackson, Van Winkle	395	244
Jackson, Northside	352	114
Jackson, Davis Memorial	344	99
Soso	127	45
Greenville, First	845	184
Bruce	237	67
Laurel, Second Avenue	473	147
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	32	
Harrisburg	329	106
Jackson, Parkway	605	184
Jackson, Parkway including		
Mission	692	218
Prospect, DeSoto County	66	53
Houlka	85	32
New Albany	643	195
New Albany	643	195
New Albany including Northside		
Mission	688	230
Center	138	60
East McComb	452	244
Popular Springs, Simpson		
County	64	28
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	63	
South Laurel	96	66
East Fork, Amite County	111	52
Brandon	165	50
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis County	144	90
April 18, 1948		
New Prospect, DeSoto County	78	53
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc		
County	64	28
Coast, Simpson County	26	
Harrisburg, Tupelo	315	107
Popular Springs, Simpson	41	
Center, Union County	158	60
Tate Street, Corinth	256	68
Old Town, Calhoun County	102	80
Tupelo, First	874	151
Tucker's Crossing, Jones		
County	82	37

Pastor Montie A. Davis is leading Brandon Church in a series of revival services the week of April 25-May 2. Dodds Douglas, student at Mississippi College, is directing the music program.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

BELTON, Texas — Mary Hardin-Baylor college is offering again this year the J. C. Hardy Memorial scholarship, which will be awarded to a girl graduate of the class of 1948 of an accredited Mississippi high school.

Dr. Hardy, who served as president of Mary Hardin-Baylor for twenty-five years, was superintendent of the Jackson, Mississippi schools for ten and president of Mississippi A & M college for thirteen years prior to coming to Texas.

Applicants must be 1948 graduates of accredited high schools. Applications must be filed with the secretary to the president not later than June 1, 1948. Forms for applications may be obtained by writing to the president's secretary, Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, Texas.

Word has just been received of the death of Rev. T. W. Hembree, pastor of Union and Arlington Churches in Perry County on April 24. Funeral services are scheduled for April 29, 10:00 a. m. Bro. Hembree made his home in the Progress Community, near McLain.

Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- May 3 — Dr. H. F. James, History Professor, Mississippi College.
- May 4 — Mrs. Dona Brister, Matron, Baptist Orphanage.
- May 5 — Miss Betty Jane Hurt, Instructor in Piano, Woman's College.
- May 6 — Mrs. B. C. Murphy, State Music Recording Secretary.
- May 7 — Rev. A. A. Ward, Trustee, Clarke Memorial College.
- May 8 — Rev. A. T. Engell, Training Union President, District 3.
- May 9 — Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary, Sunday School Department.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

- By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.
 - Called and Accepted
 - I. L. Whitsett, Whitesboro, Texas from Pilot Point.
 - T. P. Haskins, First Lebanon Mo. from executive secretary Oklahoma State Board.
 - H. V. Fields, Avenue Church, Hereford, Texas.
 - E. L. Finch, Neches, Texas.
 - Oscar Byrd, Lenoir, Texas.
 - Emmett L. Whittaker, Caldwell, Kansas from Wichita, Kansas.
 - Grady C. Cothen, Olivet Church, Oklahoma City — (native Mississippian).
 - Harold M. White, Oak Grove Church, Richmond Virginia.
 - Frank A. McFaggart, Sanford, Texas from Houston.
 - John Newport, Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, formerly pastor at Clinton.
 - R. H. Catlett, Calvary Church, Okemoh, Oklahoma.
 - L. L. Armstrong, First, Durant, Texas from Emmanuel Church, Paris, Texas.
 - Edward E. Ham, Lake Forest Church, Jacksonville, Florida from High Springs.
 - Horace L. Ford, Broadus Memorial Church, Richmond, Virginia.
 - J. B. Noffsinger, Tabernacle Church, Richmond, Virginia.
 - Charles A. Morgan, Clopton Street, Richmond, Virginia.
 - Thomas R. Brown, First Padukah, Kentucky, from First, Chynthian.
 - O. J. Stepar, First, Newport, Kentucky.
- BR—
- MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BF) — The 11 a. m. preaching hour of the First Baptist Church of Memphis, where Dr. R. Paul Caudill is pastor, has the highest Hooper rating of any 11 a. m. Sunday program carried by Memphis' eight radio stations. Announcement of the Hooper rating rank was made by the manager of WMPB, the station carrying the regular Sunday morning sermon by Dr. Caudill. He said that over a five month period, October 1947 through February 1948, the Baptist service had a rating of 6.5, and that the next highest ranking program rated 4.4

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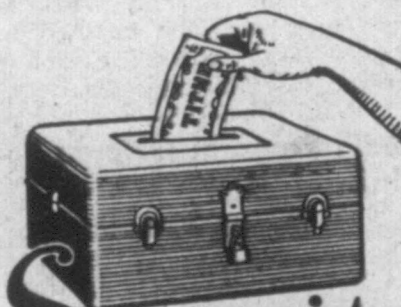
Upon them, therefore, rests the tremendous responsibility of making wills that provide adequate endowment and support for our Baptist agencies and institutions.

Good ladies, make your church secure by putting tithes into it, and your denomination secure by putting God in your will for a worthy portion - the law allows one third.

Do it for Jesus' sake.

Do it today!!

Let us talk it over with you if we can help.



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False Teaching

By Rev. W. T. Darling

"Christ conquered death, hell, and the grave." You hear this quotation over the radio, in the pulpit, and read it in our religious literature. A few months ago one of our Southern Baptist periodicals carried the quotation.

Is the above quotation scripture? No! It is not in the Bible! And, what is more, the Bible doesn't teach it. It is in open contradiction to the Bible it is dishonoring to God and to Christ, it is sacrilegious. It is joining hands with the devil in trying to add something to God's great, full, and complete plan of salvation.

It is akin to infant baptism; water salvation; salvation by works; and is a greater sin than all these combined. It is trying to make Jesus out a liar when he said on the cross, "It is finished." John 19:30.

Hell was made by Jesus. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3. It was created for the devil and his angels. "Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41. There was nothing about hell for Jesus to conquer. Man goes to hell as an intruder, after he rejects Christ.

Jesus conquered death for the Christian, and robbed it of its sting. 1 Cor. 15:55. "O death, where is thy sting?" He conquered the grave and robbed it of its victory. "O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55b. Jesus was crucified on two false charges, namely: blasphemy and treason. He arose from death and the grave. He did not blaspheme; He is very Son of God. He did not commit treason; He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

On the above false quotation a false premise is laid down, and of course a false conclusion is reached, to wit: In order for Christ to conquer hell he must go to hell and then of his own power come out. It is argued that Christ did just that during the three days and nights he was in the grave. If the above quotation is scripture, then their logic is true. Again I say, it is not in the Bible.

Recently a prominent preacher said over the radio, "Just to think my lovely Lord had to spend three days and nights in an awful hell for my sins." "Stop saying it! The BLOOD of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7b. "Much more then, being now justified by his BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Romans 5:9.

Radio Program Offered For Christian Home Week

By Joe W. Burton
Editor, Home Life

A series of six radio dramatizations on Christian family life entitled "These Bonds of Love," has been offered for local broadcasts in connection with Christian Home Week, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of the Radio Commission.

Dr. Lowe states that the series will be used by some two hundred stations during the week of May 2-9. Inquiries about this new series and concerning other transcriptions on the home, should be addressed to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 427 1-2 Moreland Ave. N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

A GOOD HOME INFLUENCE

By Joe W. Burton, D. D.
Editor, Home Life

The state denominational paper coming into the home week after week is one of the very finest influences for good. This is my earnest conviction.

Indeed the state Baptist paper renders a distinctive service to the home which can be supplied in no other channel. Other publications of the denomination have their special fields, but the state paper is the only medium giving to the family a report of the denomination at work in all phases of kingdom enterprise.

The state paper in the home will give the members of the family a sense of participation in the work of our beloved denomination.

I hope that the circulation of state Baptist papers in homes may be greatly increased.

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Holly Bluff Church Has Youth Revival

Holly Bluff Church recently had a week-end Youth Revival, sponsored by the Training Union, Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, director.

O. L. Malone, Student Secretary at Mississippi College had charge of the services. He was assisted by the following Mississippi College students: Sylvia Holt, pianist, Clovis, New Mexico; Glenn Merrill, music director Meridian; Bob Gwin, minister, Apalachicola, Florida.

During the week-end there was one profession of faith, and many rededications. Rev. Don Land is pastor.

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65 Conversions At Sturgis

Sturgis Church, Oktibbeha County, has recently experienced a revival with Rev. Percy Ray of the Home Mission Board conducting the services.

During the week there were 65 conversions, approximately half of whom were members of some church before. An opportunity to join the church was not given during the meeting, but since then, Sturgis and surrounding churches have had additions as a direct result of the revival. Pastor H. A. Borah recommends this as a helpful plan for not getting unregenerated people into the churches.

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DAVE COCKROFT

On February 19, 1948, Deacon Dave Cockroft was called home. Brother Cockroft was always jolly and never complaining, although he was confined to his bed for several weeks.

We thank God for his sojourn with us. We miss his presence, but his Christian influence lives on in our hearts.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. May they ever be submissive to His will, knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God."

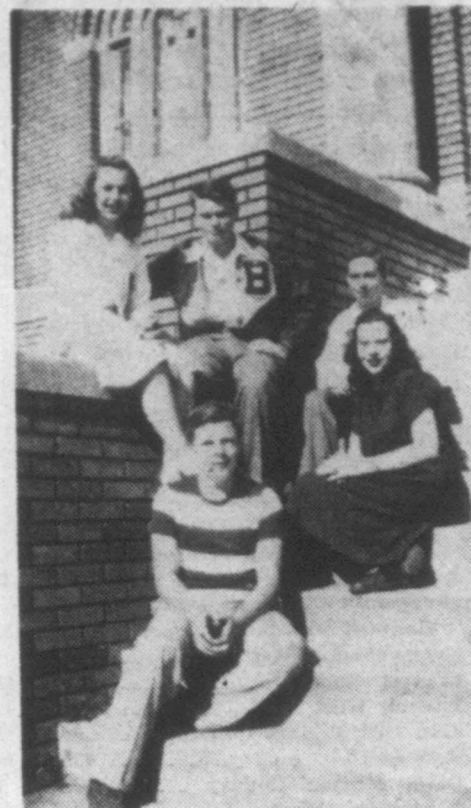
Williamsville Church
by MRS. JOHN W. DAVIS

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Chicago — Formal inauguration ceremonies for Dr. William Culbertson, new president of Moody Bible Institute, will be held in Moody Memorial Church at 8 p. m. May 13, according to recent announcement by Institute executives. Dr. Culbertson succeeds the late Dr. Will H. Houghton in the executive post. Other leaders of the 62-year-old Bible school have included Dwight L. Moody, founder; Reuben A. Torrey and Dr. James M. Gray.

Two fine young boys from the Orphanage served as Pages in the Senate during the recent session of the legislature. They were James Holland and Danny Williams. This was a good experience for these boys and from all reports they acquitted themselves well.

Belzoni Volunteers



Five young people recently volunteered for special Christian Service during the recent Youth Revival at Belzoni. Shown above they are: Elizabeth Hood (Missionary), Billy Russell (Preacher) Rodney Gibson (Preacher) Peggy Ann Watts (Educational Director) and Jack Tripp (Preacher).

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BETHEL HAS YOUTH DAY

Bethel Church, Lawrence County observed youth day April 11. The theme for the day was "My All for Christ."

Officers and teachers for Sunday School and Training Union were selected from the young people and intermediates. Loyd Powel served as superintendent of Sunday School and Hilton Sumerall served as Training Union director. Pastor James Griffith brought the morning message. At the evening service, Florence Lewis gave an inspiring flannelgraph talk.

Sunday afternoon leaders of the Intermediate Department, Mrs. George Walker, Mrs. Hezzie Williamson, and Mrs. Ola Jane Drane, gave a buffet supper for all the young people of the church.

There were three additions to the church during the day, two by profession.

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DR. ARTHUR FOX LEADS REVIVAL AT VICKSBURG

Dr. Arthur Fox, noted Bible Evangelist is preaching in a series of Revival Services at First Church, Vicksburg, during the two-week period, April 25 to May 9, according to an announcement by the pastor, Dr. D. Swan Halloworth.

This church is earnestly seeking a God-given Revival. The pastor stated the need in this manner "We need it for ourselves; we need it in order to reach many of our unlisted members; and we need a revival of interest and effort in order to reach the lost in Vicksburg."

Prof. Inman Johnson, Head of the Department of Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is leading the music. Both of these leaders are known by many people in Vicksburg and vicinity, as each has conducted services previously at the First Baptist Church.

Book Reviews

THE SOUL WINNER (\$1.50), by Charles H. Spurgeon, editor by David Otis Fuller, and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, spiced with Spurgeon humor, yet speaking earnestly of the most important business in the world — the leading of souls to the Saviour — abounds with usable advice for soul-winners. Spurgeon, "The Prince of Preachers," was pre-eminently a winner of souls. His great energies, his giant intellect and all of his varied talents were invested for the accomplishment of his life's one great objective: the winning of souls. Such a man is entitled to write **THE SOUL-WINNER**. To make spoken words live and burn with power is one thing; to make written words do the same is quite another. The reader will soon see that life and fire are found on every page. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

THE QUEST (\$2.50), by Ludwig Bauer and published by the Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis, Missouri, is a fascinating novel which will fascinate you for two or three hours of delightful daydreaming about what might have happened when the shepherds "returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen." The thread of the story is taken up "in the same country in the days of Herod, the king," and carries the reader through a series of dramatic episodes out past Calvary and into the life of the early Christian Church. Love, hate, romance, danger, death — all have been woven into the pages of this fascinating novel. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

ROUND - TABLE PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (\$1.50), by Robert Parsons and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the first volume of its kind to explain fully how the discussion method can be used effectively in young people's societies and other church groups. Round-table discussion is one of the most effective ways of imparting information, molding public opinion and stimulating concerted action. With this little book as a basis, any young people's society or other group has a solid foundation for the development of a most interesting, helpful, and unique program. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

CHRIST AND THE BELIEVER (\$1.50), by Wendell P. Loveless, and published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois is a collection of devotional studies in the Song of Solomon. This is not a commentary on the Canticles; it is more — heart-warming, stimulating, practical comment, different, simple, and helpful. Those Christians who have met the Lord in the unfolding of the Song of Solomon have found it to be a sacred trysting place with the Lord for all of life's pilgrimage, and will thus appreciate this book. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

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Percy Cooper Leaves Rocky Creek Church

The Rev. Percy Cooper has resigned the pastorate of Rocky Creek Church, George County, in order to accept the pastorate of a church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

During the 14 months that Mr. Cooper was pastor of Rocky Creek Church, the Sunday school attendance doubled and the B. T. U. increased more than 50%, the tithes and offerings more than doubled, and sixty new members were added to the church.

The new building which was started during this pastorate will soon be completed.